



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Thursday, January 12, 2012

5:00 PM

Room 354, City-County Building  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

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### CALL TO ORDER

Present: 8 -

Sally Miley; Lauren Chare; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Mark Clear; Joshua Wescott; Dennis O'Loughlin; Melissa Sargent and Paul Rusk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Travis Myren, Dan Lowndes, Marci Paulsen, Dawn O'Kroley, Brenda Konkol, Steve Alwin, Carl Gloede, Carlos Pabellon, Matt Veldran, LaVonne LaFave, Kevin Briski, and Karin Peterson Thurlow

The meeting was called to order by county co-chair Clear at 5:00 PM.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the city committee members.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Supv. Melissa Sargent, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2011 meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### 25025

Update on Room 201, City-County Building Remodeling

Travis Myren and Dawn O'Kroley addressed the committee. They indicated that the staff group met with ProAudio in the Assembly Chambers for a demonstration of the audio system. ProAudio will develop recommendations for an RFP and Dorschner is working on a prioritized list of other improvements for the room. Myren indicated that the staff group was working from a list provided by the City-County Liaison Committee (CCLC), with the sound system, the dais, and the public seating as the top priorities. The CCLC will have the opportunity to review again. The goal is for the work to be completed in July and August.

[24756](#)

SUBSTITUTE Creating Sections 8.24(1)(cc) and (dd) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit alcohol beverages in the City-County Building and the Madison Municipal Building and surrounding property.

**Sponsors:** Paul R. Soglin, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Lauren Cnare, Scott J. Resnick, Mark Clear and Michael E. Verveer

**Attachments:** [Version 1](#)

There was consensus to consider items out of order, first considering the Madison General Ordinance, followed by the posting of no trespassing signs outside of the CCB, and then review and approval of the CCB building rules.

Marci Paulsen from the City Attorney's Office and Carlos Pabellon from the Corporation Counsel's Office addressed the committee. Paulsen indicated that the Madison Police Department had asked for this ordinance because it is not against the law to consume alcohol in the CCB lobby.

Sargent said she had asked for CCLC review to allow for communication on the issue with the County. Rusk said that the City's language and the County's language on firearms differed. Bidar-Sielaff indicated that communication is good, but that it is the Madison police who must respond. The only way for the rule to have teeth is to have a City ordinance. The idea is to put into ordinance what exists in the CCB rules. Pabellon noted that the City has the jurisdiction to pass this ordinance.

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A motion was made by O'Loughlin, seconded by Cnare, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER.

Discussion ensued regarding whether to distinguish between a sealed container and an open container. Paulsen and Capt. Gloede from the Madison Police Department indicated that the ordinance mirrors the CCB rules.

Kevin Briski, Madison Parks Division addressed the committee. He spoke of his experience and that of his staff. Suite 104 opens to the lobby. He sees the behaviors in the lobby and the safety issues facing facilities management staff with people on the grates outside the building. He said that drinking is an issue.

LaVonne LaFave, Madison Parks Office addressed the committee. She supervises the front office. She spoke of concerns with fighting, blood on the floors, and staff being accosted for money and cigarettes. She indicated that behaviors escalate as people drink throughout the day.

Motion by Sargent to change the title of the ordinance to: "SUBSTITUTE Creating Sections 8.24(1)(cc) and (dd) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit unsealed containers of alcohol beverages in the City-County Building and the Madison Municipal Building and surrounding property;" thereby indicating that sealed containers would be allowed. There was no second.

Miley spoke of the numerous dispatch calls for police and fire department response. Wescott indicated that the Street Team was working with individuals to raise awareness of services, but that people make their own choices.

On the main motion to adopt, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

25027

Discussion & Possible Action on Posting No Trespassing Signs Outside of the City-County Building

Attachments: [No Trespassing Signs \(2\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Supv. Dennis O'Loughlin, seconded by Sally Miley, to indefinitely postpone consideration of this issue in committee/put it on file. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

25026

Review & Approval of City-County Building Rules and Operating Procedures and Madison Police Department enforcement of no trespass ordinance

Attachments: [011212 CCB Policies & Operating Rules.pdf](#)

Motion by Sargent/Miley to approve the CCB Rules and Operating Procedures.

Supv. Veldran addressed the committee. He said he was glad the County Executive was working on solution and believed that people should not have to accept this behavior at their work. O'Loughlin indicated that there has been hard work to find shelter, but that other places have rules that must be obeyed and there is a responsibility to do something about the situation in the lobby. Sargent pointed out that there will be a change in the building if alcohol is not allowed, and expressed concern about the welfare of those who congregate in the lobby.

Discussion ensued regarding additional tools to address the issue. Miley spoke of the behavior policy used at the Madison Public Library, which used a graduated series of consequences. Clear wondered why there is no similar situation at the municipal building.

Brenda Konkel, 50 North Hancock, Madison addressed the committee. She said that the benches were moved from the municipal building so there is nowhere for people to sit. With some shelters, if one is kicked out, one cannot get back in and there is no appeal process. There is a general feeling that the rules are not fair, so why follow the rules.

Motion by Sargent/Miley to discuss a graduated approach to consequences for inappropriate behaviors within the CCB at future meetings.. Paulsen and Gloede will review the library rules. Sargent requested that a DHS staff person also be included in this discussion. There was consensus to explore this approach.

Motion on adoption of the CCB Rules and Operating Procedures carried, 6-0.

#### **SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW**

the committee briefly discussed the agenda for the next meeting on February 9th at 5 p.m. Agenda items will include a report on the survey about payment of taxes in installments, requests for hanging banners in the CCB, and discussion of a library-like graduated consequence approach.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Joshua Wescott, seconded by Supv. Melissa Sargent, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.